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1. The Minister of Bengal issued an order 1 October 1946 instituting press censorship on the following items:
 - a. Names of individuals killed or molested in communal disturbances would not be mentioned.
 - b. No reference would be made to whether persons involved in incidents were Hindus or Moslems.
 - c. The name of the street or exact location of disturbances would not be mentioned.
2. A group of newspaper editors met 1 October in protest of this order and suspended publication of their newspapers for the period 1-8 October 1946. During this period only British and Muslim papers appeared. The editors met again 8 October and decided to resume publication. The alleged reasons for resuming publication were the famine and the political situation; the real reason was believed to be that the newspapers concerned were losing money.

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